

September 12, 1911

## MRS. I. L. BATES

Once again death has claimed one of the pioneers of our county.

Emily L. Bates, nee Adams, was born in Porter township, Van Buren Co., Michigan, April 10th, 1839 and passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. W. H. Anstiss at Groton, Sept. 8th, 1911 at the age of 72 years, 4 months and 28 days.

On Feb. 22, 1868 she was united in marriage to Isaac L. Bates. She is survived by her husband and three children, Frank A. Bates, Mrs. Sarah S. Feller and Mrs. Minnie L. Anstiss.

In early childhood Mrs. Bates had been afflicted with the loss of hearing. Even tho, thus handicapped, she acquired a good general education—this, too, without the usual special instruction. She will be remembered by her friends as an unusu-

ally bright, well read woman, always looking on the sunny side of life and never murmuring at her affliction.

At an early age she united with the Freewill Baptist church. While unable, because of her affliction to enjoy the privilege of church attendance, she never lost her faith in the care of a loving heavenly father. Always patient and cheerful, ever ready with sympathy and loving care for family and friends thus she reflected day by day the life of the Christ in whom she believed.

Funeral services were held at Bethel church in Bates Township—the township which bears the honored family name—on Sunday by Rev. Oertli. Seven auto loads went out from Groton for the exercises, including two loads of members of the G. A. R., who thus showed their sympathy for a bereaved comrade.

A wide circle of friends and neighbors mourn her loss and extend sympathy to the family.